

A Letter from Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

Alena Hakala Meadows

Pallbearers

Nephews



Flower Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a flower piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you said the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much - Whatever the part.

The Family of Darnell Rascoe McKenzie

Celebrating the Life of

*Darnell
Rascoe
McKenzie*

APRIL 2, 1968- NOVEMBER 24, 2021



Service

December 4, 2021 at 1 PM
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
5548 Silver Spoon Road
Whiteville NC 28472
Rev. Timothy Lance, Pastor



Officiating

Rev. Rosa L. Wade, Assistant Pastor
New Genesis Fresh Start Ministries
Fayetteville NC





Obituary



On April 2, 1968, Darnell Roscoe McKenzie was born to Starlin and the late Ruth Faison McKenzie at Margaret Hayes Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey. On November 24, 2021, Darnell passed peacefully from this life into the loving arms of our Lord at Atrium Health Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.

He was a member of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Whiteville, NC, where he served as an usher and member of the choir. He graduated from Whiteville High School in 1988 where he was a member of the football team. He enjoyed working on cars with his friends, especially his Volkswagon. He was a member of the popular singing and performance group, Suave, traveling to New York to compete at the Apollo. Darnell continued his education by earning his certification in heating and air (HVAC) from Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C. He was employed by Golden B Enterprises of Charlotte, N.C. Darnell was the owner and operator of a well-loved and popular food truck, "Good Thang's". He was well-known for his tailgating at the Carolina Panther's Stadium and all around the Charlotte area. Darnell also used his food truck to feed the homeless and those less fortunate, offering kind words of encouragement to each person he served.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Darnell. He loved entertaining his family, friends and neighbors. He was an avid fisherman and a real "George Foreman" on the grill. He was an all-around "jack of all trades" and mastered all of them. Of all he did in his life, his greatest accomplishment and joy was his family. Darnell kept people rolling in laughter because he could find humor in the every day circumstances of life.

Darnell was preceded in death by his son, Javon McKenzie and his mother, Ruth Faison McKenzie and his sister, Elaine Fane. He is survived by his father, Starlin McKenzie Sr. of Whiteville; his daughters, Laina Clark and Jada McKenzie of Stallings, NC; son, Jordan McKenzie of Stallings, NC; very dear girlfriend Olivia Robbins of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Phyllis Cromartie (Tony) of Nakina, NC, Rosemary McKenzie of Stallings, NC, Thomasina McKenzie and April McKenzie of Fayetteville, NC; brothers, Starlin McKenzie, Jr. (Diane) of Elizabethtown, NC, Ardell McKenzie and Chester McKenzie of Whiteville, NC and a special brother-in-law, Hayes Fane of Erwin, NC; a special nephew, Brandon McKenzie of Charlotte, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

Family

FINAL TRIBUTE

Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There

MUSICAL SELECTION

New Mt. Zion Ensemble

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Rev. E. J. Bell

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

*Rev. Larenza Jackson, Pastor
Enoch Chapel Baptist Church
Wilmington NC*

PRAYER

Elder Ladonte Wooten

SOLO

Ms. Soulae McDonald

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Chester McKenzie

REMARKS

Two minute limit please.

SOLO

Mr. Charlie Manning, Jr.

EULOGY

*Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Lance, Pastor
MOMBC
Moderator, New Era Association*

MORTICIANS IN CHARGE